

REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 10-12, and 14-45, as amended, and new claim 46 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1-5, 9, and 13 have been cancelled herein. New claim 46 is based on original claim 2 but depends upon claim 6. Currently, claims 6-8, 11-12, 14-17, 23-28, 32, 38-41 and 43 are under active consideration while claims 10, 18-22, 29-31, 33-37 and 42 are currently withdrawn. It is believed that the latter claims will be rejoined when the other claims are allowed because they are dependent upon them.

The allowance of claims 6-8, 12, 14, 15, 28, 43, 44 is appreciated. In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, rejected claims 1, 2, 9 and 13 are cancelled in this amendment. To overcome the rejections of the final office action, the remaining claims that were rejected, namely, claims 16, 23, 32, and 38-41, were amended to depend from claims that were previously found to be allowable. Also, withdrawn claims 29, 31, and 33-37 were amended to depend from such allowable claims. Finally, new claim 46 depends from allowed claim 6. Accordingly, all current claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

Regarding the claims that were previously rejected and that are now amended or cancelled, applicants expressly reserve their right to file a continuation application to pursue patent protection for the subject matter of those claims as they appeared prior to amendment or cancellation. Any questions regarding this matter can be directed to the undersigned.

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